

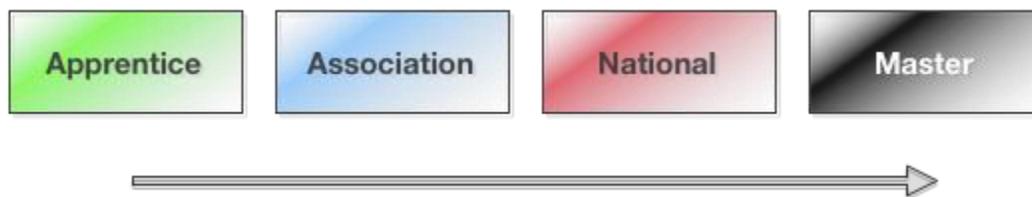
New Certification Process for 2013-2016

Website : [www.usatf.org/officials certification](http://www.usatf.org/officials_certification).

This page will give you a brief overview of the changes to certification for the 2013-2016 Olympiad.

Certification Levels

New officials will now start off at the Apprentice level. We've designed the Apprentice level so that new officials can spend time learning a number of events and being exposed to many different areas of track & field. We want to make sure that we're doing all we can going forward to train well rounded officials.



Certification Grades

To better differentiate certain disciplines, we're going split a few disciplines off from the main system of certification levels. These disciplines will be certified using an indeterminate number of grades, customized for each discipline. In addition, these disciplines will have custom requirements for certification. The following disciplines will shift to the grade system starting with the 2013-2016 Olympiad:

1. Referees - All Types
2. Combined Event Coordinator
3. Technical Manager
4. Electronic Recorder
5. Electronic Measurer
6. Electronic Manager

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CERTIFICATION LEVELS AND GRADES

Officials can be certified in a variety of disciplines, with each discipline falling under either a set of Levels or a set of Grades defined as follows:

A. Levels: All disciplines offered with Levels will follow the five level path listed below.

Disciplines at a particular level may have a common combined discipline at the previous level and may also be split into more than one discipline when advancing to the next level. All disciplines at a particular level will have the same requirements as other disciplines at that level for both initial certification and advancement.

1. Apprentice: New Officials

2. Association: Officials who are ready to take on more responsibility at meets within their own Association.

3. National: Officials who are ready to take on more responsibility outside of their Association and serve as head officials within their Association.

4. Master: Officials who are capable of serving as head officials at major regional and national meets.

5. Emeritus: Retired Master-level officials who have been granted Emeritus status.

B. Grades: Each discipline offered with Grades will have a custom set of grades starting with Grade 1 and increasing in number as needed. Certification at each grade and advancement to the next grade will be based on a custom set of requirements for each discipline.